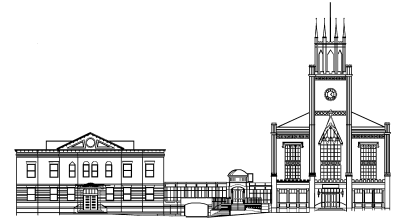


## ***WHY NOT BE A VISTA MEMBER ?***



The Manchester VISTA project is designed to enhance the efforts of city departments and local non-profits that have limited human and financial resources. The focus of this project is to enhance quality of life for the most disadvantaged residents of our community. VISTA members are expected to do serious program work that may include activities such as volunteerism, grant writing, coalition building, program design and implementation among other things. VISTA members are not staff and they do not perform secretarial-type functions. Currently, Manchester is recruiting for placements at the following program sites:

- (a) The Way Home – lead poisoning & outreach programming**
- (b) Office of Youth Services – at-risk youth programming**
- (c) Child Health Services – child & family outreach**
- (d) Parks/UNH Cooperative Extension – recreational needs of low income**
- (e) Pocketbook Therapy Program – resource enhancement for economically disadvantaged**
- (f) Families In Transition – youth activities coordinator**

Manchester is also recruiting for a “Neighborhood Planner” to be located in the Department of Planning. The “Neighborhood Planner” will be involved in facilitating and promoting a neighborhood revitalization program to include the following activities:

- Grassroots organization of stakeholders to ascertain investment and other interests in designated City Neighborhoods**
- Development of a “façade rehab” program for neighborhood based city businesses**
- Enhancement of communication between the City and local businesses on an individual basis**
- Identification and subsequent actions to carry out desired neighborhood infrastructure (streets/sidewalks/streetscape furniture/park rehab) improvements**

The local VISTA program sites provide a workstation, phone, computer and supervision for each VISTA member. THE VISTA MEMBER receives these benefits:

- \* \$883 per month living allowance paid every two weeks with direct deposit**
- \* free limited health coverage**
- \* choice of an educational award (\$4725) or stipend (\$1200) following one year of service**
- \* possible basic relocation allowance**
- \* training on both the national and local levels**
- \* life long experience**

Interested individuals should contact the VISTA Project Director noted below for more information regarding program responsibilities as soon as possible:

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